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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

MEGIDDO ET AL.

Examiner

Thuy Pardo

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on May 12, 2003 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claim 9 has been amended.

2. Claims 1-26 are presented for examination.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over **Stern et al.** (Hereinafter "Stern") US Patent Application No. 2002/0052928, in view of **Liddy et al.** (Hereinafter "Liddy") US Patent No. 6,304,864.

As to claim 1, Stern teaches a method of providing links to remotely located information in a network of remotely connected computers [see the abstract and fig. 1], said method comprising the steps of

- a) associating a shorthand link to each of a plurality of uniform resource locators (URLs) [internal link as function of keywords and an unique identifier for the Web site, 0055, 0057-0067 on page 3];
- b) logging associated shorthand links in a registry database [a links-to-visit table, see the abstract; a list of internal links and selecting from remaining internal links as function of keywords, 0055 of page 3];
- d) for each found said shorthand link, fetching said associated URL [the target URL associated with a link, 0029 of page 2].

However, Stern does not explicitly teach searching said registry database for a shorthand link associated with an URL responsive to selection of said shorthand link. Liddy teaches searching said registry database for a shorthand link associated with an URL responsive to selection of said shorthand link [see web pages' results corresponding to a search query, 65, 75 of fig. 3A; 79, 79A of fig. 3B; col. 11, lines 51-57].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to have modified Stern's system wherein the internal links of a Web site are collected and recorded in a links-to-visit table provided thereof would have incorporated the teachings of Liddy especially the methodology of searching a database for a shorthand link (or web pages) associated with an URL ; the motivation being to expand and enhance the versatility of Stern's system by allowing a user to search one or more of the addresses of the document retrieved from the search engines [see Liddy, col. 4, lines 55-59].

As to claim 2, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed. Stern further teaches

- I) requesting registration of a URL [table “links to visit”, 16 of fig. 3]:
- ii) selecting an unused key [inherent in the system]: and
- iii) pairing said selected key with said URL as a shorthand link [the target URL associated with a link, 0029 of page 2]..

As to claim 3, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed. Stern further teaches that each key-URL, pair is entered in the registry database [16 of fig. 3].

As to claim 4, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed. Stern further teaches that said fetched associated URL is presented to a requestor, said requestor having selected said shorthand link [0029 of pages 1 and 2].

As to claim 5, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed. Stern further teaches said fetched associated URL is presented to a requestor, said requestor having provided the paired key of the key URL pair [0029 of pages 1, 2; 16 of fig. 3].

As to claim 6, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed. Stern further teaches that an error message is returned whenever a requestor provides a key not paired with a URL [0099-0106 of page 5].

As to claim 7, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed. Stern further teaches that when a provided key not associated with a URL is identified as corresponding to a key in a key-URL pair, presenting the identified URL to said requester [unique identifiers or web site signatures, see the abstract].

As to claims 8-13, all limitations of these claims have been rejected in the analysis of claims 1-7 above, and these claims have been rejected on that basis.

As to claims 14-26, Stern and Liddy teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claims 1-13 above, with the exception of computer readable program code means. However, since the method is processed in the computer system, the feature of having a computer readable program code means is inherently in the system in order to perform such functions and convert information from one form to another.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1091. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at (703) 305-3830.

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